

CHAPTER 4: DOMICILIARY (RESIDENTIAL) HOMELESS PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

CVAMC HOMELESS DOMICILIARY PROGRAMS

Program Information, please call Mental Health Admissions Coordinator
(610) 384-7711 ext 5126

Homeless Domiciliary Programs

The domiciliary provides medical and /or psychiatric care (including substance abuse treatment) in a therapeutic community. This includes complete medical/psycho-social assessment, rehabilitative assistance, vocational evaluation and conditioning, job placement, and other therapeutic services. The goal of the domiciliary is to prepare the Veteran to return to the community at his/her highest level of independence and as a productive citizen in their community. 8-A is a dual-diagnosis unit with emphasis on seriously mentally illness (SMI). Average length of stay for 7-A, 7-B and 8-A: 75 days.

Homeless Domiciliary Staff

A highly experienced staff works with the Veteran to develop a treatment plan which addresses his or her stated problems and needs. Physicians, physician's assistants, registered nurses, psychologists, chaplains, dieticians, social workers, physical medicine therapists, and vocational rehabilitation specialists comprise the treatment teams. Other auxiliary and supportive staff also may be involved in your recovery.

Clinical services provided are:

- Anger management and conflict resolution education
- Career planning
- Education
- Exercise classes
- HIV/AIDS education
- Individual and group psychotherapy
- Job seeking skills development and job placement
- Leisure skills development
- Medical aspects of addiction
- Money/Finances management
- Nutrition education
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) group psychotherapy
- Relapse prevention education
- Relaxation skill building
- Sexual addiction and substance abuse relapse education
- Spiritual interest group
- Substance abuse recovery skills
- Work assessment and conditioning

Who is eligible?

- Favorable military discharges
- Veteran must be medically and psychiatrically stable.
- Veteran must be able to care for himself/herself.
- If applying for this homeless program, the Veteran must be living on the street, in a shelter in the community, or at risk for becoming homeless

Where?

Program consists of three 40-bed units currently located in buildings 7 and 8 of the medical center.

Program information/application, please call

Mental Health Admissions Coordinator (610) 384-7711 ext 4273;

* Source: Homeless Domiciliary Programs info/ Unit Manager, Judy Laszczyk; 5/2010

CVAMC THE SCRATCH TEAM – The Real Deal

What?

Under the oversight of Dr. Steven Chambers, the Scratch Team was founded a few years ago by a group of Veterans who had been through the domiciliary and transitional housing programs. The goal of the Scratch Team is to provide support to current Veterans in our domiciliary and transitional housing programs through the sharing of real life experiences. The Scratch Team members volunteer their time to meet on a weekly basis to provide peer counseling to Veterans in the 7B dayroom. Through these meetings and as repeated guest speakers at the annual VA CHALENG meeting, Scratch Team members have shared how they and other Veterans started from scratch and are highly productive citizens in the local community. Weekly meeting topics include such things as keeping it simple on a daily basis, facing issues early on, and spiritual awareness. New residents are provided with an opportunity to meet the domiciliary alumni where they have an opportunity to discuss and reveal experiences gained from starting with a firm foundation with continued growth and develop fostered by “stick to the plan” support.

Why Scratch?

All Veterans have the training and toughness instilled within to progress from their present situation. With the realization they already have what it takes to start over, the Veteran can envision being dropped out of an airplane at 10,000 feet into any location, land with a firm foundation, and *start from scratch!*

Who?

Scratch Team members: Derrick Davis, Robert Rogers, Crystal Allen, Charles Wilcox, Stardetta Hatton, and Sterling Davis

When and Where?

Every Tuesday at 6-7 pm, bldg 7B (West end day room)
Scratch Team conducts periodic KEEP IT REAL FORUMS

For More Information, Contact Dr. Steve Chambers @ 610-384-7711 x 5610

* Source: SCRATCH info via Coordinator, Dr. Chambers, 6/2010.

VA DOMICILIARIES HOMELESS NATIONWIDE

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Tuskegee, Alabama 36083
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Alaska 3001 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
907-273-4057

Arizona 500 Highway 89 N
Prescott, AZ 86313
Phone#: 928-445-4860 x6017

Arkansas 2220 Fort Roots Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72114
Phone#: 501-257-2311

California
795 Willow Rd.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Phone#: 650-493-5000 x27119

11301 Wilshire Blvd
West Los Angeles, CA 90073
Phone#: 310-478-3711 x43105

Florida 10000 Bay Pines Blvd., N.
Bay Pines, Florida 33744
Phone#: 727-398-6661 x4999

1601 S.W. Archer Road
Gainesville, Florida 32608
Phone#: 352-376-1611 x7461

13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, Florida 33612
Phone#: 813-801-3910

Florida 5201 Raynond Street
Orlando, Florida 32803
Phone#: 321-397-6088

Georgia (Carl Vinson Medical Center)
1826 Veterans Blvd
Dublin, Georgia 31021
Phone#: 478-272-1210 x2189

Illinois	3001 Green Bay Rd. North Chicago , Illinois 60064 Phone#: 224-610-4842
Indiana	1481 West 10 th St. Indianapolis , Indiana 46202 Phone#:317-988-1651
Iowa	3600 30 th St. Des Moines , Iowa 50310 Phone#: 515-699-5787
Kansas	4101 South 4 th Street Leavenworth , Kansas 66048 Phone#:913-682-2000 x52296
Massachusetts	200 Springs Road Bedford , MA 07130 Phone#:781-687-2226 940 Belmont St. Brockton , MA 02130 Phone#:774-826-1659
Maryland	Perry Point , Maryland 21902 Phone#: 410-642-2411 x6516
Michigan	5500 Armstrong Road Battle Creek , Michigan 49037 Phone#: 269-966-5500 x36287
Michigan	4646 John R (11MH-DOM) Detroit , Michigan 48201 Phone#:313-576-1553
Minnesota	4801 8 th Street North St. Cloud , Minnesota 56303 Phone#: 320-255-6395
Missouri	1 Jefferson Barracks Drive St. Louis , Missouri 63125 Phone#:314-652-4100 x66653
New Jersey	151 Knollkroft Rd Lyons , New Jersey 07939 Phone#: 908-647-0180 x4166

New Mexico 1501 San Pedro Drive SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108
Phone#: 505-265-1711 x4895

New York 76 Veterans Ave
Bath, New York 14810
Phone#: 607-664-4365

800 Poly Place
Brooklyn, New York 11209
Phone#: 718-526-1000 x2156

400 Fort Hill Ave
Canandaigua, New York 14424
Phone#: 585-393-7975

2094 Albany Post Rd.
Montrose, New York 10548
Phone#: 914-737-4400x 3804

North Dakota 500 North 5th Street
Hot Springs, North Dakota 57747
Phone#: 605-745-2053

Ohio 10,000 Brecksville Rd
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
Phone#: 440-526-3030 x7999

17273 State Route 104
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
Phone#: 740-773-1141

3200 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220
Phone#: 859-572-6719

4100 W. 3rd Street
Dayton, Ohio 45428
Phone#: 937-268-6511 x390

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White City, Oregon 97503
Phone#: 541-826-2111

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Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
 Phone#: 724-477-5033

1400 Black Horse Hill Road
Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320
 Phone#: 610-384-7711 x5600

7180 Highland Drive
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206
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Tennessee James H. Quillen VA Medical Center
 P.O. Box 4000
Mountain Home, Tennessee 37684
 Phone#: 423-979-1171 x2904

Texas 1901 Veterans Memorial Drive
Temple, Texas, 76504
 Phone#: 254-743-2866

4500 South Lancaster Road
Dallas, Texas 75216
 Phone#: 214-857-1133

1201 East Ninth St.
Bonham, Texas 75418
 Phone#: 903-583-6441

300 Veterans Blvd.
Big Spring, Texas 79720
 Phone#: 432-263-7361 x7336

2002 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77030
 Phone#: 713-791-1414 x2323

7400 Merton Minter
San Antonio, Texas 78229
 Phone#: 210-321-2700 x64110

Virginia 100 Emancipation Drive
Hampton, Virginia 23667
 Phone#: 757-722-9961 x2140

Washington 9600 Veterans Drive SW
Tacoma, Washington, 98493

West Virginia 510 Butler Ave
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25402
Phone#: 304-263-0811 x4014

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53295
Phone#: 414-384-2000 x41679

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Sheridan, Wyoming 82801
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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION STATE VETERANS HOMES

Purpose-Following the Civil War, a large number of indigent and disabled Veterans were no longer able to earn their own livelihood and needed care. While the Federal Government operated national homes for disabled union volunteer soldiers, the total number of Veterans needing care was overwhelming. In recognition of this need, and the debt that a grateful nation owed its defenders, a number of states independently established State Veterans Homes (SVHs) to help care for those who had borne the battle. The first State Veterans Home was established in Rocky Hill, Connecticut in 1864.

The first enactment that provided for payment of federal aid (\$100/year) to such states occurred on August 7, 1888, when federal sharing was authorized to help alleviate the burden placed upon states. With the establishment of the Veterans Administration in 1930 to care for an ever-increasing number of Veterans, the state programs were expanded to include three levels of care, increased per diem payments, and federal funding for construction of facilities.

The National Association of State Veterans Homes (NASVH) was conceived at a New England organizational meeting in 1952 because of the mutual need of State Homes to promote legislation at the national level and share common problems and experiences.

Mission-While it is recognized as the National Association of State Veterans Homes, the membership of the group is comprised of the administrators and staff representing the state operated Veterans Homes throughout the 50 states of the union, its districts, and commonwealths. The National Association of State Veterans Homes works closely with the Federal Government, state governments, service organizations, and any other entity that directly or indirectly affects the care of services provided to America's Heroes.

The National Association State Veterans Homes' primary mission is to insure that each and every eligible U.S. Veteran receives the benefits, services, long term health care, and respect which they have earned by their service and sacrifice. The organization also insures that no Veteran is in need or distress and that the level of care and services provided by state Veterans homes meets or exceeds the highest standards available.

STATE VETERANS HOME SYSTEM

State Veterans Homes are one of the largest long term care providers in the United States. During FY 2005, State Veterans Homes furnished 6,852,875 days of nursing home care and 1,477,885 days of domiciliary care. As of February 13, 2006, there were 133 State Veterans Homes in 49 states and Puerto Rico with 30,255 total beds.

Pennsylvania offers its Veterans six extended care facilities throughout the state. The level of care provided includes personal care, skilled nursing care, domiciliary care, and dementia care. These facilities offer qualified Veterans and their spouses dedicated, superior care.

PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS' and SAILORS' HOME (ERIE, PA)

560 East Third St.

P.O. Box 6239

Erie, PA 16512-6239

Tel: (814) 871-4531; FAX: (814) 871-4617

STATE VETERANS HOME SYSTEM

GINO J. MERLI VETERANS' CENTER (SCRANTON, PA)

401 Penn Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503

Tel: (570) 961-4304; FAX: (570) 961-4405

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS' CENTER (SPRING CITY, PA)

1 Veterans Drive

Spring City, PA 19475-1230

Tel: (610) 948-2400 ; FAX: (610) 948-2405

SOUTHWESTERN VETERANS' CENTER (PITTSBURGH, PA)

7060 Highland Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15206-1297

Tel: (412) 665-6706; FAX: (412) 665-6799

HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS HOME (HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA)

P.O. Box 319

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Tel: (814) 696-5356; FAX: (814) 696-5260

DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS' HOME (PHILADELPHIA, PA)

2701 Southampton Road

Philadelphia, PA 19154-1205

Tel: 215-965-5900; FAX: 215-965-0377

*Sources: **www.NASVH.org**; <http://www.nasvh.org/contact/contact.cfm>;
http://www.nasvh.org/dir_statehomes/stateInfo.cfm; 6/2010